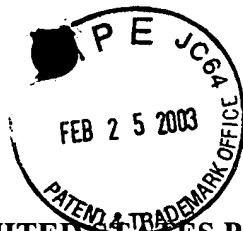


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Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated October 16, 2002 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 17 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, amended claim 17 is set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached to this Amendment as Appendix A.

C1 17. (Three times amended). The crate of claim 12, wherein said at least one standoff member has a mating surface for engaging the container.

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